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Honorable Co-Chairmen James P. McGovern and Christopher H. Smith, and distinguished Members of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission and the United States Congress:

I am Reverend Jun Kwang-hoon, the chairman of the Christian Council of Korea (CCK). The Republic of Korea is a country established with the help of missionaries sent from the United States. The first missionaries, Underwood and Appenzeller, came to Korea and awoke a sleeping nation by building churches, schools, and hospitals, leading the independence movement, invited our founding president, Syngman Rhee, to America to receive a doctorate from George Washington University, Harvard, and Princeton, which helped with establishing the Republic of Korea with liberal democracy, market economy, the ROK-US alliance, and introducing Christianity.

47,000 American soldiers were killed during the Korean War while fighting against communism, the US did not impose taxes during our economic development, and helped the Republic of Korea uphold democracy, making it one of the world's top 10 economic powers.

With help from the US in establishing the Republic of Korea, it has prevented communism from infiltrating Northeast Asia after World War II, and as a result, it has become the first nation that used to be a feudal state of China to completely democratize and industrialize.

Now the Republic of Korea has the opportunity to repay the help it received from the United States and the international community, but the Jusapa (pro-North Korea, leftist) government of President Moon Jae-in is trying to deconstruct the Republic of Korea and separate it from the maritime free alliance with the United States, Japan and the international community created by President Syngman Rhee and is attempting to create a continental communist alliance with North Korea, China, and Russia. In response to this, 300,000 pastors and patriotic citizens representing 12 million Christians of Korea have gathered at the Gwanghwamun Plaza in downtown Seoul this past year and carried out a national resistance against Moon Jae-in's criminal activity.

Moon Jae-in, who was on the brink of a crisis, allowed the coronavirus from China to enter and carried out a fraudulent election on April 15, 2020, and even now, under the guise of the coronavirus, he suppresses the people of free democracy and has imprisoned myself, and others such as Governor Kim Kyung-jae, and CEO Kim Soo-yeol, who has led patriotic rallies. While the leftist politicians in South Korea, led by the Moon administration, allowed leftist union members to march without any interference from the government, or allowed other businesses and organizations to gather, my church and our rallies have been unfairly targeted by this administration.

The Moon Jae-in administration, which calls itself the “candlelight revolution” administration and disguises itself as representing the will of the people, has continuously violated the human rights of the citizens of the Republic of Korea based on pro-North Korea ideas. This can be seen in the cases

of repatriation of North Korean defectors and the passing of the anti-leaflet law banning North Korean defectors and activists from sending information into North Korea.

The Moon administration requested its first arrest warrant against me on December 24, 2019, citing the protest held on October 3, 2019. More than a million people gathered in Gwanghwamun, central Seoul, on October 3 to protest the tyranny of the Moon administration. Even though a historically large crowd gathered, the rally was remarkably peaceful. However, the Moon administration attempted to arrest me under the pretext of minor bruises to police officers and damage to goods.

My words and actions are not punishable in South Korea, which is a free democratic country where freedom of speech is guaranteed as a fundamental right of the people. However, the Moon administration repeatedly investigated, arrested, and indicted me. This is because they felt threatened due to my leading and holding large rallies and claiming that the administration follows Juche, or North Korean self-reliance ideology, and denies the free democratic system stated in the South Korean Constitution and obeys North Korean communism.

Honorable Members of Congress, the United States of America has helped in our independence, founding of our nation, economic development, and democratization, and if you can help us once more by preventing the criminal acts of Moon Jae-in, the Republic of Korea will contribute greatly to the international order led by the US.

Please do not be deceived by the lies of the Moon administration and fully understand the true nature of his government, to prevent the Republic of Korea from being constitutionalized by North Korean communism.

There is no administration that lasts forever. Someday, there will surely be a judgment on the tyranny of this regime. And the tip of the sword they are wielding will eventually be pointed to their neck.

We, the patriotic South Korean citizens, and Christians in our nation, will let the world know the truth about the religious freedom violations, political oppression, and the abuse of human rights of this case involving myself, and wish to fight with the conscientious forces of the world. We hope that everyone in the free world will join us, and we earnestly appeal that the US Congress will also join us in our fight.

Thank you.